



19 questionnaires returned

St. Dubricius Church of England First School Parents and Carers Survey

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is a Parent and Carer Survey that has been drawn up by the governing body based partly on the government on-line 'Parent View' survey. We want to know what you think about our school and we welcome your feedback.

We would like some feedback on how parents and children feel about the revised homework that was fully implemented in September. This will help us to evaluate the impact of the new policy and practice.

In addition we would like some feedback on the school dinners. We are really proud of the fact we have been able to provide high quality meals to the children at Porlock. Being exposed to a range of foods and eating the social context of school significantly broadens the range of foods a child will eat and helps to establish a healthy approach to meal times. In the past few months we have had more children opting out and as the provision is dependent on the vast majority of eligible children taking the meals we are keen to find out the reasons why.

We will use the results of the survey to help us to further identify areas that we can work on over the next twelve months to improve the school.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey and giving us feedback.

Kind regards,

The Governors

Statement (Please tick)		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. My child is happy at St Dubricius First School		15	4			
2. My child feels safe at St Dubricius First School		15	4			
3. My child is well looked after at St Dubricius First School		16	3			

Comments on questions 1 to 3. (optional)

- *YY is very happy at St Dubricius*
- *There are occasional 'personality clashes' with teachers.*

Statement (Please tick)		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
4. My child makes good progress at St Dubricius First School		14	3			
5. My child is taught well at St Dubricius First School		15	2			

Comments on questions 4 to 5 (optional)

- *Could perhaps be more extension or stretching activities*

6. St Dubricius First School makes sure its pupils are well behaved		15	3			
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Comments

7. St Dubricius First School deals effectively with bullying		11	2			5
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Comments

- *No experience of bullying*
- *Not had any bullying issues*

Statement (Please tick)		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
8. St Dubricius First School is well led and managed		13	6			
<u>Comments</u>						
9. The school responds well to any concerns I raise		16	2			1
<u>Comments</u>						
10. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress		14	5			2
<u>Comments</u>						
11. The school actively promotes Christian Values in line with its Vision Statement.		16	1			2
<u>Comments (including what we could do to further this area – if appropriate)</u>						
<p>Vision Statement of St. Dubricius Church of England First School Our vision is to provide a safe and caring environment in which children and adults alike are valued as individuals and are given opportunities to develop their full potential. We aim to create a happy, loving, supportive, and sharing community in which Christian values are promoted and upheld.</p>						
Homework Questions						
Statement (Please tick)		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
12. My child receives appropriate homework for their age. (if disagree please expand below)		14	5			
13. The homework helps me to understand the maths and spellings being taught at school that week (Class 2 and 3 only):		12	3	2		
14. In principle I agree with a little homework sent home weekly:		10	5	2		
15. I have talked to my child about their learning in school:		Daily 15	Weekly 5	Monthly	Infrequently	Never
<u>Comments (including any feedback from older pupil's / ex-pupils)</u>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The instructions on the maths homework are frequently not clear • Not very communicative children • Children complete homework enthusiastically and helps keep me in touch with what they are learning 						

Hot Dinner Questions

Statement (please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
16. My child enjoys the school lunches	10	8	1		
17. The lunches have helped broaden the range of foods my child now eats	8	5	5		
18. Having a hot dinner doesn't fit in with our family routine	1	2	6	8	
19. I would prefer the option to order online	1	5	9	1	1

Comments including if relevant; what you would like to see added to the menu, why your child doesn't access the free meal (Year R – 2) or any feedback on ordering process)

- **Dinners are fantastic**
- **Lovely choice of food**
- **Would be very sorry if the school meals were not available. A great refuel in the middle of the day**
- **Ordering process tortuous and confusing at times. One some days no options are preferred. This is a matter of tastes obviously.**
- **Would prefer to continue to pay at school**
- **Only real feedback from our kids is that sometimes their choices are not correct.**
- **Yes, because we recognise it is a balanced healthy hot meal so we know they have eaten well.**

Statement	Yes	No
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	18	
<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery and Class 2 Both children enjoy this school and make good progress. • Parents who live in Minehead could car share with their children. I would take or collect anyone 		

Changes made the following previous parent questionnaires:

- Further enhancements to homework differentiation to better match task to the child
- Undertaken a maths parent workshop
- Refined the tracking system used in school to identify.
- Introduced greater peer editing (Class 3)

The aim is to use comments and suggestions to help set next year's school development plan.

Other comments

Is there anything that we could do better as a school?

- **Not a lot really, but it would be nice to have Porlock school football team to play other schools and a music teacher to come in weekly for children who like music.**
- **A swimming pool.**
- **Great school. Kids really love it. Well run and lead, variety for pupils is great.**
- **Excellent school and we are very happy with our son's progress**
- **Better communication, more regular updates and progress. Initial start was confusing as I didn't feel I knew enough about the day to day activities.**

Name (optional): (If you would like a personal response to your questionnaire please tick the box)



Responses.

- The school takes part in weekly sports fixture throughout the year against other schools (every Friday to include Football Sept – Feb, Catchball (a junior netball style game) March to June, Cricket June and July). Every child attending the relevant sport club will have represented the school in inter school competition at least once during the Year and Year 4 children will have represented the school many times more. By the end of Year 4 every child will have represented the school in at least one interschool sporting event. To date 26 out of 33 children (76%) in Class 3 have represented the school and this figure will be 100% by the end of July.
- Currently the children in Year 3 and 4 receive weekly brass lessons from a trained music teacher. Further one off singing workshops happen during the year to support this aspect of the music curriculum.
- Sadly with school budgets acquiring a swimming pool is too costly for the school. We have made formal representation to the Recreation Committee in response to their legacy funding. We await the outcome of their survey and subsequent decision.
- With regards to communication, we are constantly looking at ways to ensure we further enhance our partnership working. This will be discussed with staff and Governors, thank you for your feedback.

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